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MISSOULA---Recent NCAA football rule changes will have some bearing on the Montana University grid machine this fall, but coach Ray Jenkins says he's more concerned with adapting his offense to the type of material available.

"I think we will have enough talent this fall to produce a more varied offensive game, and anything we do to take advantage of the new rules will be simply because the manpower is available," the coach comments.

Jenkins is referring to two key changes--a rule that allows one player to enter the game without being charged as a substitution whenever the clock is stopped, and the widening of goal posts from $18\frac{1}{2}$ feet to 23 feet four inches.

"The new substitution rule will be a step closer to the two-platoon syste, but I don't think there will be any drastic changes in styles of offense because of it," Jenkins said. "Some teams may pass more often because it will be easier to platoon quarterbacks and other key personnel. This will lead to a slight trend toward specialization, but most players will still have to be able to go both ways."

The coach says that more field goals and extra point kicks will be attempted this season. "The two-points after touchdown (by passing or running) will still be tempting, but I think most coaches will be inclined to go for the 'sure' one point in most instances. And the one point will be much easier to score because of the wider goal posts."

Jenkins plans to follow this policy, mainly because the Grizzlies will have a good place-kicker this fall in the person of sophomore halfback Paul Gustafson. "A good field goal and extra point expert means more than the wider goal posts."

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